Ravi and Beas Waters Tribunal

1776. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the *suo moto* reference made to the Ravi and Beas Waters Tribunal, which was continued in April, 1986 as per the Punjab Memorandum of Settlement, by Central Government and references received from Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan seeking explanation/guidelines on certain points in the Report of the Tribunal;

(b) the progress made in this regard so far and the stage at which it stands at present; and

(c) the follow-up action being taken by Government to get an early decision by the said Tribunal?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) Ravi Beas Waters Tribunal have already given their report under Section 5(2) of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act. But their explanation and guidance on the points made out by the States and the Government of India under Section 5(3) have not been received. The Tribunal held a number of sittings when written/oral submissions seeking guidance and explanation were made by the Central Government, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Delhi. One of the Members of the Tribunal resigned in the meanwhile. Efforts are a foot for filling up the vacancy.

Incident on Ashok Vihar Flyover

1777. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Municipal Corporation of Delhi has blamed the Northern Railway for the incident on Ashok Vihar flyover where a woman and her daughter had fallen through a gap in the central verge and sustained injuries recently;

(b) whether as per the report of the Enquiring Officer of the MCD, the onus of maintenance of the flyover above the railway tracks, lies with the Railway authorities;

(c) if so, whether any compensation has been paid to the victims, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to prevent such incidents occurring in future on the Railway overbridges during construction and afterwards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The conclusion of the enquiry officer is not correct because the accident occurred on the approach span which was neither built nor is maintained by Railways.

(c) The question of compensation by Railways does not arise.

(d) A System of observing safety precautions on such works taken up by Railways exists.

Upgrading of M. G. tracks between Delhi to Ajmer

1778. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made during the current financial year for the upgrading of Metre-gauge tracks between Delhi and Ajmer on the Western Railway to speed up the Mail Express trains and minimise their running time; and

(b) if so, the time likely to be taken to complete the renewal and strengthening to reduce the running time of these trains particularly between Delhi and Ajmer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

National Symposium by Indian Dairy Association

1779. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: